

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

January 30, 2015

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise A. Scalph, Matthew Wender

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular meeting on this 30th day of January 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:12 a. m.

The Commission convened as the Board of Equalization and Review. No cases were present. Commissioner Wender motioned to recess as the Board of Equalization and Review and reconvene on February 3rd. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and to release checks today. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented an order for the Commission to sign for the Board of Equalization and Review giving Eddie Young permission to make corrections in books. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown for Community Corrections for the month of December, 2014 in the amount of \$13,791.39 for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize President Scalph to sign the drawdown. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission then made a formal decision whether to continue sponsoring a Small Cities Block Grant application for next year for Armstrong Public Service District. Commissioner Wender motioned for

the Fayette County Commission to submit Armstrong PSD's SCBG application as the top priority. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Early Voting staff at the Fayette County Memorial Building for short nap carpet and a handrail on the steps on the left side entrance to the building, closest to the Voting room. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve these requests with expenditure not to exceed \$2,500.00. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presents a hazardous mitigation property lease agreement for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve entering into a property lease with Joseph Criss and authorize President Scalph to sign. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented approval of camp rates at Fayette County Park for this year. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the presented rate. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a memo of understanding for President Scalph to sign with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) agreeing to continue support of all initiatives directly related to the quality and professional service to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking crimes.

Ms. Berry presented an order to the substitute securities pledged on behalf of Fayette County Commission from Fayette County National Bank. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the order. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ronn Thompson, AEP & Jeff Maynor, Project Engineer appeared to give an update. Discussion was helped on investing money to harden the system to ensure reliability. Since October 2013 the following was invested:

\$1.7 million on poles, etc...

\$9.7 million on substations

\$343,548.00 on transmission

\$12 million just in maintenance upgrades alone

These updates are just in Fayette County. The total cost spent on all investments in Fayette County is right now \$16 million.

Chad Wykle, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority appeared to discuss the Promise Zone. There were 18 applications for the role designee. The government will only choose a maximum of two but possibly only one. We are the most eastern and most northern applicant. The decision will be made in the spring. When an area is designated a Promise Zone, it receives financial assistance and also receives 10-15 Americorp Vista Workers at no cost. Businesses who agree to come to a Promise Zone receive a federal tax incentive for 10 years.

President Scalph suggests inquiring about businesses already here getting an incentive as well. NRGDA strategic plan 2015-2017 is presented for the Commission to review.

The Commission requests more hard copies be sent out especially the ones that attend the meeting at Tamarack.

Angela Gerald appeared to discuss some dilapidated complaints. Ms. Gerald presented two new cases: Aleta Freeman, 95 Jones Street,

Oak Hill. Notice was sent over a year ago, on the list for contractors, and final notice sent 3 months ago. Commissioner Wender motioned to notify Ms. Freeman that she is entitled to come before the Commission with a plan before we proceed to tear down the property. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Gerald then presented Hannah Hanna Chitrik 205 N. Errington Rd. Oak Hill. Commissioner Wender motioned to notify Ms. Chitrik that she is entitled to come before the Commission with a plan before we proceed to tear down the property. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Gerald told the Commission that Michael Ienello and Yvette Brown were both called with no response.

The Ienello property on Prudence Road burned. Commissioner Wender motioned to tear down the house. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Brown property, also on Prudence Rd. Ms. Gerald received no responses on the 3-4 notices that were sent. Commissioner Wender motioned to tear down the house. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Municipalities can adopt a vacant registration ordinance which they can charge a fee for any vacant property. This builds up funds to help pay for demolition. Commissioner Wender requests we look into if there is any leeway in loaning money to these municipalities to help them tear buildings down. Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, requested if we discover that the county can loan funds, which the municipalities will have to adopt the mirroring ordinances. Mr. Harrah

and Ms. Gerald will look into this further.

Commissioner Wender suggests that Mr. Harrah and Ms. Gerald come back in late February with some answers to move forward.

Ms. Berry presented a request from SALS to help with a boiler of \$5,000.00. This has been tabled twice while former Prosecuting Attorney Carl Harris researched. Mr. Harrah feels that funding a community center is a just allocation of funds because it is for the community. It is agreed that that the funds can now be paid pursuant the motion made November 21, 2014.

Ms. Berry presented letters to the legislators regarding HB2208. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the letters in opposition of House Bill 2208. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented 2 quotes for the Building Code Office door. Crown Vinyl for \$1,900.00 and AAA Glass for \$3,000.00. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the low bid of Crown Vinyl. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission entered into an executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Wender motioned to enter into executive session. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

A public hearing regarding the Oak Hill annexation of Minden will be held later today at 5:00 p.m. in Judge Hatcher's courtroom.